REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	BOYSEX11.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Distributor:	Not Applicable
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Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *BOYSEX11.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The computer file contains a black-and-white image showing two boys posed for the camera in a naked embrace. One appears to be an older child or very young teenager and the other is in his early- to mid-teenage years. The image is intended for the titillation and arousal of people with a sexual interest in young boys. The effect is to validate this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of children and young persons.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes will be deemed objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society and is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression.